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Proposed reorganization of the Forest department.

*189 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to my question No. 1724 answered on 14th March 1929, and the answer given thereto, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council

(a) the questionnaire issued by Government for the proposed reorganization of the Forest department;

(b) the answers received by Government; and

(c) the orders passed by Government thereon; and

(ii) to state whether Government have decided to appoint a committee to enquire into the Forest policy of Government, and if not, why not?

A.—(i) & (ii) The replies to the questionnaire recently received are now under examination and until it is completed the Government do not propose to take the action suggested.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I know whether the questionnaire deals with questions on the growth of forests and the evils of the forests on the ryots and cultivators?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I am not in a position to remember all the questions. I want notice."

Contributions by Native States for students trained at the Forest College, Coimbatore.

*190 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what provinces and Native States send students for training at the Forest College in Coimbatore;

(b) what on an average is the proportion of Madras students in this College; and

(c) whether the Provincial Governments and Native States which send students contribute proportionately to the recurring and non-recurring expenditure incurred over this college?

A.—(a) The Coimbatore College trains candidates coming from Bombay, the Central Provinces, Bihar and Orissa, Orissa Feudatory States, the Central India States, and Indian States of Southern India including Hyderabad.

(b)

	PER CENT.
1927–29	27·5
1928–30	6·2
1929–31	10·5

(c) The Governments of other provinces or the Indian States sending students to the College are charged for the education of every such student the sum of Rs. 1,500 per annum (Rupees 3,000 for the whole course) payable in advance. The stipends and travelling allowance of these students are also debited in the accounts to the Provincial Government or Indian State.

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Mr. A. B. Shetty :—"May I know why the Madras Government should run a Forest College which after all trains students who come mostly from outside the province and why the Central Government should not conduct the staff?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"The College was intended for the education of those who are employed in this Presidency, but because there is ample accommodation for the training of students from other provinces and Indian States such students are also taken."

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—"That is why I am asking why the Central Government should not run the staff?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"It was established by this Government for the benefit of the students of this Presidency and so this Government runs the institution."

Hydro-electric schemes

Licence to Messrs. Octavius Steel Company of Calcutta for electrical schemes.

* 191 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Messrs. Octavius Steel Company of Calcutta and Messrs. Crompton Parkinson & Co. have been granted licences for carrying out electrical schemes in the Presidency ;

(b) if so, for what amount in each case and when the licences were granted ; and

(c) whether these two firms only had submitted tenders, and, if not, what are the names of the other firms who had sent up tenders?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Tinnevelly-Palamcottah Electric Supply Company, Trichinopoly, Messrs. Killick Nixon and Company, Bombay, and Messrs. Chari and Chari, Madras.

Mr. D. Thomas :—"May I know if any of the tenders have been accepted by the Corporation?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"This has not been mentioned in the question."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—"Was the rejection due to the recommendation of the Electrical Inspector to Government?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"It has not been rejected."

Alleged information given to Messrs. Octavius Steel & Co. of Calcutta regarding electrification schemes.

* 192 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Collectors of districts have been requested by a demi-official to furnish information regarding towns in their districts which will prove useful for electrification schemes ;